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The Honorable Phil Isenberg and Members  
of the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311  
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Dear Chairman Isenberg and members of the Task Force:

The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors' Transportation, Water and Infrastructure Committee has been following your work on a Vision for the Delta over the past months and we congratulate you all on the final Vision just released. We look forward to reviewing the final version in detail.

In our deliberations over recent drafts, we have become concerned that actions labeled as near-term may not in fact be handled in the short-term at all. This action threatens water supply and the ecosystem we are going to such great lengths to protect. There are a number of actions that we believe should commence immediately while the other, more complex aspects of the Vision evolve as part of the Strategic Plan process.

First, there are several islands in the western delta which protect the delta ecosystem and the state's existing water supply. This has been recognized for many years and will remain critical for years to come perhaps under any future delta supply scenario. In addition, central delta islands containing infrastructure need to be protected in the interim until long-term plans are in place. We see this as a relatively simple task to identify and repair high-risk areas. We doubt, however, that the state will fulfill this role unless specifically directed.

Second, we support other measures to be implemented now, specifically including the following;

- emergency response; stockpiling rock throughout the delta, including the western delta, to protect water quality and levees
- water quality and fishery improvements at Franks Tract
- additional and improved fish screens at pumps
- habitat improvement projects at Dutch Slough, and Suisun Bay
- multi-year funding commitment to restore levees (non-project levees and levees outside the state plan of flood control)

We think these actions can be implemented now with a minimum of controversy. We want to urge protection of our vital resources while the Task Force grapples with the larger problems at hand. Thank you for your attention to these matters that we consider to be vitally important. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact our staff, Roberta Goulart at (925) 335-1226.

Sincerely,

Two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The signature on the left is for Gayle B. Uilkema, and the signature on the right is for Federal D. Glover.

Gayle B. Uilkema, Chair

Federal Glover, Member

Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors' Transportation Water and Infrastructure Committee